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Sir:

This is to inform the Office that on November 21, 2001 the undersigned has attempted a deposit of correspondence with the US Postal Service by Express Mail. The US Postal Service refused to accept the correspondence.

The correspondence for which the deposit was attempted is enclosed herewith. That correspondence bears or refers to Attorney Docket Number 1085-039-PWH.

A filing date for the enclosed correspondence, matching the above-noted date of attempted deposit, is respectfully requested.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. 1001 and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Respectfully submitted,

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